

loans from the federal government, the College, and private sources. The average financial aid available to freshmen is \$1200. Awards are granted on the basis of financial need. Students applying for financial aid should submit the PCS. Application for scholarships must be made by April 1. Sixty percent of the current student population is receiving aid administered by the College. Arrangements for installment payments may be made.

♦ **Admissions:** In a recent year, the College accepted 422 of 336 applicants and enrolled 183 freshmen.

**Standards:** Either a combined score in the range of 900 to 1000 on the SAT or a composite in the range of 20 to 22 on the ACT is generally required to qualify. Students who rank in the lower half of their graduating classes are not, as a rule, considered; the higher the rank, the better the chances of acceptance. No special grade average is required, but generally 80 to 85 is minimal. There is no deadline for submission of applications; the application fee is \$10. Freshmen are admitted in the summer and at midyear. Early Admission is possible. AP and CLEP are granted.

**Transfer:** Of 102 applications recently received, 81 were accepted and 60 transfer students actually enrolled. A 2.00 GPA is needed. The final year must be spent at the College.

## GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

4400 University Drive  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Undergraduate: 2955 Men, 3279 Women (total)

Graduate: 827 Men, 961 Women (total)

Admissions: Competitive + SAT: 505V, 543M

Fall Deadline: July 1 Tel: (703) 323-2000

George Mason University, formerly affiliated with the University of Virginia, is now an independent University. The campus, located 15 miles from Washington, D.C., has been expanded to over 500 acres. The present buildings include 11 academic structures, a lecture hall, a library of 115,000 volumes, 2050 periodicals, and 150,000 microfilm items, a student union, a cafeteria, and a lounge for commuting students. There are no dormitories at present. Plans for expansion include dormitory facilities for men and women, as well as other buildings. On campus housing facilities are planned for Fall, 1977.

The student-faculty ratio is 16 to 1. Eighty percent of the faculty hold doctorates; salaries for professors are below average. The University is accredited by the Southern Assoc. and operates on the semester system with several summer sessions.

♦ **Student Life:** Approximately 10% of the students drop out at the end of the freshman year.

Extracurricular activities include a newspaper, a literary magazine, a dramatic society, a debating society, a modern dance club, sororities and fraternities, special interest clubs, intramural programs in 7 sports, and intercollegiate programs for men in basketball, baseball, cross-country, and soccer.

Students have a voice in University affairs through the student government and other organizations. A strong honor system, patterned after that of the University's parent institution, operates in the academic aspect of student life. The possession of firearms and the use of alcoholic beverages are forbidden on campus. Although there are no dormitories at present, the University maintains a list of approved accommodations available for students in the vicinity.

♦ **Programs of Study:** The University offers the B.A., B.S., B.I.S., B.M., and B.S.Ed. degrees. The following majors are available: American Studies, Art, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Dramatic Arts, Early Childhood Education, English, European Studies, French, Geography, German, Government and Politics, Health and Physical Education, History, Industrialized Study, Latin American Studies, Law Enforcement, Mathematics, Medical Technology, Music, Nursing, Philosophy, Physics, Psychology, Public Administration, Social Welfare, Sociology, and Spanish. The programs in Education offer certification.

**Required:** All B.A. candidates are required to take 12 to 36 semester hours in arts and literature, 12 in social and behavioral sciences, 11 in mathematics and natural sciences, 6 in non-Western studies, and 30 to 42 in the major field. Two semesters of physical education are also required. All candidates for graduation must earn satisfactory scores on the GRE aptitude tests.

**Special:** As principal institution in the northern Virginia Consortium for Continuing Higher Education, George Mason University cooperates with four other institutions in serving northern Virginia. Two 1-semester courses may be taken on a nongraded basis. The University permits part-time attendance (less than 12 credit hours) for undergraduates. There is an orientation program for freshmen.

♦ **Expenses:** Tuition is \$630 per year for in-state students and \$1350 for others. There is a comprehensive fee of \$60, and books and supplies cost about \$160.

Seven percent of all students receive financial aid. Scholarships, loans, grants, and part-time employment are available on the basis of financial need and academic performance.

The PCS or SFS are required. Applications should be made by May 1.

♦ **Admissions:** For a recent freshman class 1676 applications were received, 1603 were accepted, and 1036 students were enrolled. Most entering students rank in the upper 50% or better of their graduating classes.

**Standards:** For admission to all programs other than engineering, 15 high school units are required, including 4 in English, 3 in mathematics, 2 in foreign language, and 1 each in social studies and laboratory science. In evaluating a candidate, the 3 most important factors are the academic program, SAT scores, and class rank. Academic performance in high school is of primary significance. Test scores and recommendations from high school authorities are considered as evidence of ability to succeed in college. There are no quotas or higher standards for out-of-state applicants.

**Procedure:** The SAT is required. Students should apply by November 1 of the senior year for Early Decision; by July 1 for regular admission to the fall session; by December 1 for the spring session; and by May 15 for the summer session. A fee of \$10 must accompany the application. Candidates are notified as soon as possible after all credentials are received. AP and CLEP credit is available.

**Transfer:** Recently 1857 of the 1903 applications received were accepted, and 1376 transfer students enrolled. Applicants must have a 2.00 GPA; courses passed with a grade of D are not accepted for credit. At least 30 credit hours must be taken at the University. Deadlines are the same as for entering freshmen.

## HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

Hampden-Sydney, Virginia 23943

Undergraduate: 800 Men (total)

Admissions: Competitive

Fall Deadline: March 1

SAT: Required

Tel: (804) 223-4381

Hampden-Sydney College is one of the oldest colleges in the United States, having been established in 1776. It is a liberal arts college related to the Presbyterian Church.

The College occupies a 550-acre rural campus in the heart of Virginia, 65 miles from Richmond. The campus is characterized by spacious lawns, handsome old trees, and dignified buildings. There are 14 major buildings of Georgian architecture; all are modern and well equipped. The library contains 103,000 volumes, 519 periodicals, and 5447 reels of microfilm. Dormitories accommodate 520 men.

The College has a student-faculty ratio of 15 to 1. Eighty percent of the faculty hold doctorates; salaries for professors are average. Hampden-Sydney operates on the semester system. It is accredited by the Southern Assoc.

♦ **Student Life:** Sixty-five percent of the students are from Virginia. Of the entering classes 8% drop out at the end of the first year, and 65% to 70% remain to graduate. Between 40% and 50% of the graduates go on to further study.

About 90% of the students are Protestant; places of worship are available on campus for Presbyterians, in the community 6 miles away for Catholics and other Protestant denominations, and 60 miles away for Jews. Several religious clubs are available, including Westminster.

About 65% of the students are affiliated with social fraternities. Honor societies include Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa. Intercollegiate sports are football, basketball, baseball, lacrosse, tennis, wrestling, soccer, and golf. Most of these sports are offered on an intramural level also.

There is an active student government, and the honor system is a strong element in the lives of the students. Ninety percent of the students are campus residents. Of these, the majority live in the dormitories; 15% are housed in fraternities.

♦ **Programs of Study:** The College confers the B.A. and B.S. degrees. Majors are Bible and Religion, Biology, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Economics, English, French, Government and Foreign Affairs, Greek, History, Humanities, Interscience, Latin, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, and Spanish. Preprofessional training is available in Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Ministry, and Secondary Education.

**Required:** All students are required to take courses in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, as well as meet proficiency requirements in English and a foreign language.

**Special:** There are honors courses for upperclassmen. Mathematics courses include some time on a computer. There is a summer research program in science, and a summer independent study program in humanities.

♦ **Expenses:** Yearly tuition is \$2750, room and board \$1075, and books and supplies between \$75 and \$100.

The College is a member of the CSS and requires the PCS from those applying for financial aid. It awards from 50 to 60 freshman scholarships each year in amounts totaling about \$75,000. Loans are available from local banks, private sources, and the College itself. The average financial aid package given to a freshman is \$1200; the maximum, \$3000. Application for aid should be made by February 1; notification is made about mid-March. Approximately 38% of the student body receives financial aid.

♦ **Admissions:** Of the 512 applications for admission recently received by the College, 407 were accepted, and 205 enrolled. Sixty-three percent of those enrolled were in the top half of their classes, 28% were in the top fifth. These percentages reflect an increasing number of applicants from private preparatory schools. Mean SAT scores for a recent entering class were 493 verbal, 538 math.

**Standards:** Candidates should present 16 Carnegie units, including 4 of English, 2 of a foreign language, 3 of mathematics, and 1 each in social studies and science; 5 electives should be taken in academic subjects. Candidates must be graduates of accredited high schools and be recommended for college by these high schools. The College recommends that applicants visit the campus for a personal interview, that they hold a rank in the upper half of their graduating class, and that they have at least a C average. Preference is given to students whose rank in class, grade average, and SAT scores are at the highest levels. The College also considers important the applicant's record of extracurricular activities, advanced placement or honors courses, his leadership potential, and the reputation of the high school. Sons of graduates receive preference. Applying for financial aid does not affect the decision on the application for admission.

**Procedure:** All candidates must present the SAT and 2 ATs (English Composition and Mathematics Level I). They should be taken between March of the junior year and January of the senior year. The deadline for applications is March 1 for the fall semester and December 1 for the second semester. Early Decision candidates should apply by November 1. Notification for regular admission is usually made about mid-March. There is a \$15 application fee. The College also participates in the CLEP program; AP credit is available.

**Transfer:** Of the 33 applicants to the College recently, 19 were accepted, and 16 enrolled. Transfer students are not accepted into the senior class, as all students must complete 60 hours at the College. Applicants must be eligible to return to their previous school; courses passed with a D will not receive transfer credit. The deadline for applications for the fall term is June 1, for the spring term it is December 1.

## HAMPTON INSTITUTE

Hampton, Virginia 23668

Undergraduate: 870 Men, 1140 Women (total)

Graduate: 120 Men, 195 Women (total)

Admissions: Less Competitive SAT: 407V, 428M

Fall Deadline: August 1 Tel: (804) 727-5000

Hampton Institute is an independent college, founded in 1868 as a college for black students.

The Institute's 201-acre waterfront campus accommodates 121 buildings, staff residences, and other structures. The library collection consists of over 130,000 volumes and more than 650 periodicals. The most distinctive group of materials in the library is the Negro Collection, composed of 14,000 items by and about the Negro, including 12,000 books and more than 1200 pamphlets on slavery.

The student-faculty ratio is 15 to 1. Thirty-two percent of the faculty holds the doctorate degree; salaries for professors are well below average. The Institute operates on the semester system and offers a summer session. It is accredited by the Southern Assoc.

♦ **Student Life:** A recent freshman class came from 30 states and territories of the United States and 5 foreign countries and, as is customary, was predominately black.

Students are encouraged to attend worship and other campus religious activities. In keeping with the Institute's belief that an interracial enterprise is a more effective teaching instrument than any other, students are given the opportunity to study and to understand family life and relationships in an intercultural environment. The Student Council is the recognized governing agency for the student body and, as such, bears a relationship to all student organizations. There are many clubs, organizations, and honor societies on campus.

The athletic program is designed to encourage the participation of every able-bodied student either in varsity sports or in the comprehensive intramural program. Varsity level sports include baseball, basketball, football, swimming, tennis, and track. Intramural sports include badminton, baseball, basketball, field hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, and track.

Approximately two-thirds of the students live in dormitories and the remainder live off-campus. There are no fraternity or sorority houses.

♦ **Programs of Study:** The Institute confers the B.A., B.Arch., and B.S. degrees. It is organized into a Division of Freshman Studies and the following professional departments and divisions: Business Education, Fine Arts and Humanities, Pure and Applied Sciences, and Social and Environmental Studies as well as Graduate Studies; 31 undergraduate majors are offered in these areas. The Pass/Fail option is available for some general education courses.

**Required:** Freshmen take a common core of general education courses. At the end of the first year, students enter one of the professional divisions or departments.

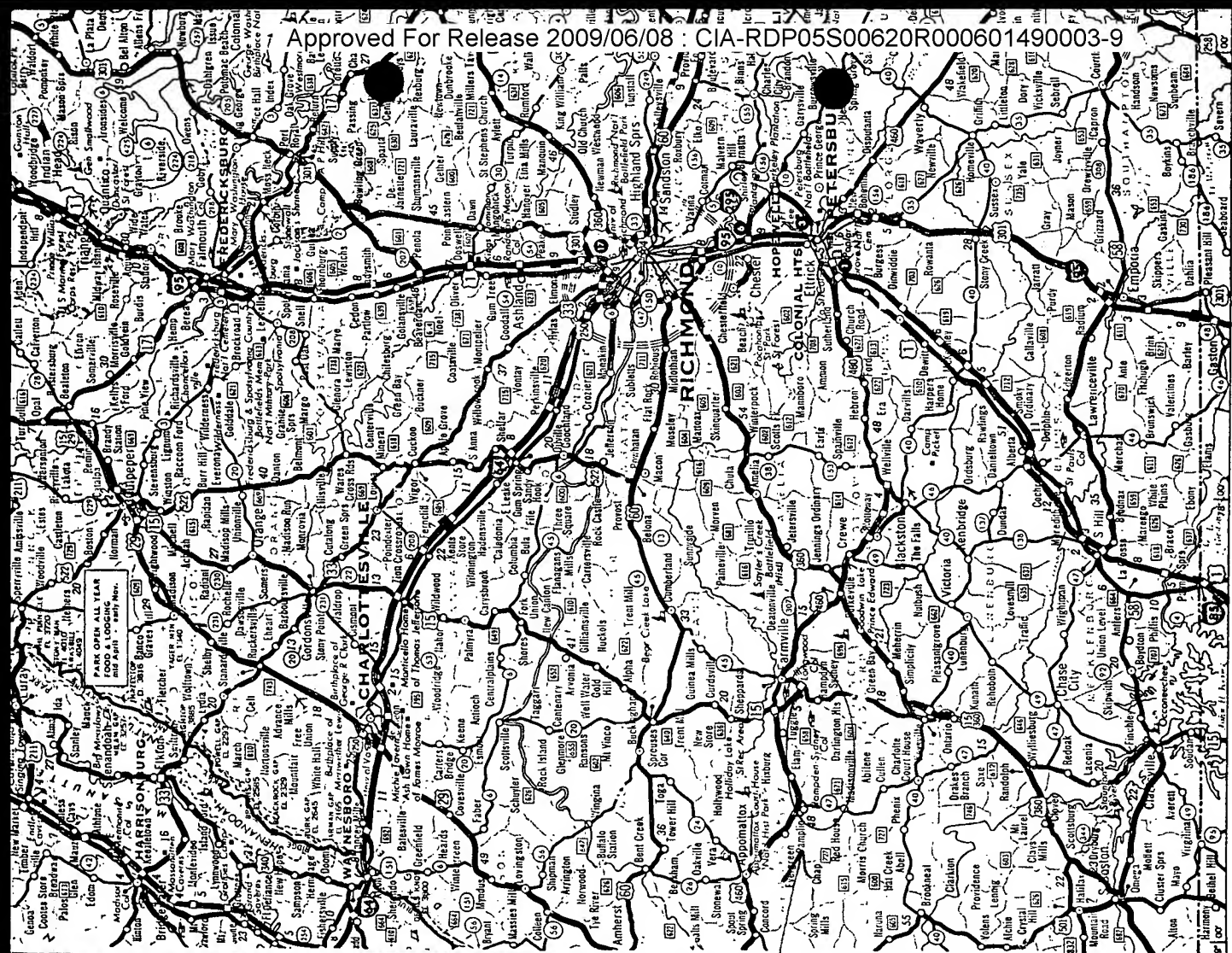
**Special:** A new curriculum of African-American Studies involves special courses in the following fields: Art, Music, Literature, Social Studies, and Teacher Education. There are long-range plans for the establishment of a Center for the Study of African People.

♦ **Expenses:** The approximate annual cost is \$3400. Tuition is \$2450, room and board are \$820, and fees total about \$100; books and supplies average \$100 yearly.

Qualified students who are unable to meet the total cost of their college education may receive aid in the form of scholarships, grants-in-aid, loans, CWS, and part-time employment. All student aid is awarded on the basis of need, scholastic standing, and acceptable citizenship. Recipients of any form of aid are expected to maintain high standards of performance. Scholarship loans of \$350 a year awarded by the Virginia State Department of Education are available to students who are preparing to teach in the public elementary or high schools of the state. Eighty percent of the current student population is receiving aid administered by the Institute; applications for aid should be filed no later than August 1. The PCS is required.

♦ **Admissions:** Recently, 1789 applications for the freshman class were received, 1109 were accepted, and 535 applicants were enrolled.

**Standards:** Admission is limited to recommended candidates from accredited secondary schools who rank in the upper half of their classes. Candidates from unaccredited schools may qualify for admission by entrance examination. Every candidate must present satisfactory credentials as to his ability, character, and health. Admission is based on secondary school record, level



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